

## Life Deck Waterproofing Systems General Maintenance Recommendations

**General:** To insure maximum exterior durability, have your installation contractor eliminate birdbaths on the surface and establish appropriate drainage. Place pads underneath outside furniture to eliminate potential scratching or tearing. Elevate potted plants and/or planters and move routinely (every two or three weeks) to avoid possible damage from casual water. Most outdoor surface coatings require periodic maintenance. The Life Deck systems were designed with your long-term best interest in mind. With a minimal amount of time and money invested in keeping up the surface, your surface will last a lifetime. Timely maintenance will also help to protect your investment and give you a surface that is both attractive and easy to keep clean.

**Preparation & Cleaning:** Normal maintenance for Life Deck coatings would be to hose or sweep off the area every month or so to keep them clean. If your surface gets dirty and you need something stronger, we recommend using liquid TSP, warm water and a stiff bristle brush to free the surface from dirt, oil, grease and any foreign substance. It is not recommended to use carpet over the top of existing waterproofing systems as to not trap water or other potentially damaging debris that may compromise the system. Depending on the type of Life Deck waterproofing system, if necessary, use a pressure washer with approximately maximum 800-1500 PSI. PSI strength will depend on the specific system, as you must be careful not to damage the waterproofing system. Keep the fan tip 6" off the deck surface, at minimum, and keep moving. Prolonged exposure to a high-pressure stream could damage existing systems. It is not recommended to use a pressure washer over waterproofing systems unless using a proper fan tip and taking all the proper precautions. If you have white film (hard water deposits) on the surface, clean with Life Deck Liquid Grind cleaner. Make sure to rinse completely. On Life Deck TC systems, a pressure washer may be used at maximum of 1500-2000 PSI. This may helpful when cleaning the surface for re-coating as it will rough up the surface slightly as well as clean it completely.

**Topcoats:** After the surface is cleaned and allowed to dry you may apply the topcoat. It is imperative that the surface is cleaned properly to allow the new coating to bond. This is also the time to do any touch up or repair to the base material if needed. The maintenance coat is applied in the same manner as the topcoat in the original system with the exception that you will most likely get more coverage from the material. A primer may be necessary before application of an additional deferred maintenance topcoat if adhesion is in question. Please consult an authorized Life Specialty Coatings representative if there are questions regarding application of deferred maintenance coatings. Please read the label as it pertains to the application of the specific product. You can expect the gloss on most coatings to last about 1-3 years depending on the exposure to the sun, traffic and the system you use. We recommend that the surface be recoated every 1-5 years depending on the exposure to the sun. All jobs should be re-coated periodically as a general maintenance procedure to further insure against damage to the system and to keep your warranty in effect. Please read your product specification/installation guide for information regarding your warranty.